



BOROUGH OF BEDFORD.

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# REPORT

UPON THE

# SLAUGHTER-HOUSES

IN THE BOROUGH OF BEDFORD

BY THE

Medical Officer of Health,

To which is appended the opinion of the Town Clerk  
dealing with the legal status of the several  
Slaughter-Houses referred to.

Town Hall,  
Bedford,  
May, 1911.



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*To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the Report on the Slaughter-houses within the Borough, which I have prepared in accordance with your instructions given at your last meeting on May 3rd, 1911.

There are 29 Slaughter-houses within the Borough—of these 8 claim to be "Registered," the remainder are held by yearly licence. The Town Clerk has dealt with the legal aspect of licensing in his report, and I therefore say nothing on this point. The dates of first issue of the various licences are given in the table appended. The particulars as to each Slaughter-house are given separately.

In this report I have confined my observations to the structural details, and have given no particulars as to the condition of the various premises at the time of the inspection made for the purposes of the Report. Some of the establishments are provided with refrigerating apparatus for the storing of meat in hot weather, but in no instance is there a separate room for the cooling down of the carcasses after killing. The sheep and pigs are sometimes taken to the shop for this purpose, but beef is always kept in the killing room.

The table shows how close the majority of the Slaughter-houses are to dwelling-houses. Many of the fasting pens are dark and imperfectly ventilated. In hardly any instance is adequate provision of water made for the fasting animals. Under the present system there is a great waste of a valuable material, the blood, which is merely allowed to flow into the sewers, instead of being kept for utilisation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. B. WILLMER PHILLIPS,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

May 23, 1911.

TABLE 1.

Borough of Bedford.

No.	Name.	Area of Killing Room.	Description of Animal			Arrangements for Cooling.
			Beasts	Sheep	Pigs.	
1	Armsden and Ponting .. .. .	sq. ft. 126	—	—	+	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
2	Blythe .. . . .	182	+	+	+	Killing Room .. . . .
3	Brooks .. . . .	249	+	+	+	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
4	Canvin .. . . .	242	+	+	+	Killing Room .. . . .
5	Cole .. . . .	95	—	+	—	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
6	Davis .. . . .	168	+	+	+	Beef in Killing Room; Sheep and Pigs, Killing Room and Shop
7	Day .. . . .	230	+	+	+	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
8	Dunham .. . . .	180	—	—	+	Killing Room .. . . .
9	Eastman .. . . .	238	—	—	+	Killing Room .. . . .
10	Evans .. . . .	207	+	+	+	Killing Room .. . . .
11	Linger .. . . .	103	—	+	(+)	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
12	Mastin & Sharpe, <i>Cauldwell Place</i>	238	+	+	+	Beef in Killing Room; Sheep and Pigs in Shop
13	Mastin & Sharpe, <i>Castle Road</i> ..	150	—	+	+	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
14	Monk .. . . .	165	+	+	+	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
15	Richardson .. . . .	125	—	+	+	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
16	Rose, <i>Harpur Street</i> .. . . .	97	—	—	+	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
17	Rose, <i>Tavistock Street</i> .. . . .	181	(+)	—	+	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
18	Russell .. . . .	186	+	+	+	Killing Room .. . . .
19	Scheuermann .. . . .	86	—	—	+	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
20	Sell & Willshaw .. . . .	240	+	+	+	Beef in Killing Room; Pigs and Sheep in covered way
21	Sharpe, <i>Stanley Street</i> .. . . .	162	+	+	+	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
22	Sharpe, <i>Tavistock Street</i> .. . . .	120	+	+	+	Killing Room and Shop .. . . .
23	Sharpe, <i>Boswell Place</i> .. . . .	270	+	+	+	Killing Room .. . . .
24	Stanton .. . . .	153	—	—	+	Killing Room .. . . .
25	Stuart .. . . .	95	—	—	+	Killing Room .. . . .
26	Tansley, <i>High Street</i> .. . . .	200	+	+	—	Killing Room .. . . .
27	Tansley, <i>Midland Road</i> .. . . .	222	+	+	+	Killing Room .. . . .
28	Thomson .. . . .	297	+	+	+	Killing Room .. . . .
29	Whiteman .. . . .	172	+	+	+	Killing Room .. . . .



Table of Slaughter-Houses.

Whether Special Cooling Room.	Whether Slaughter-house adjacent to Shop	Distance from nearest Dwelling House.	Date of First Licence or "Registration."	Whether Slaughter-house used by more than one Butcher. Names of those so using it.
None	No	18 feet	Sept. 20, 1893	Yes Mr. Ponting is joint occupier
None	Yes	39 ,,	Jan. 7, 1891	No
None	Yes	16 ,,	May 13, 1869	No
None	Yes	15 ,,	March 30, 1867	No
None	Yes	Built against No. 1, Union-st.	July 24, 1889	No
None	Yes	Adjoining	March 24, 1864	No
None	Yes	4 feet	Jan. 25, 1888	No
None	Yes	4½,,	Sept. 22, 1886	No
None	Yes	80 ,,	Dec. 30, 1885	No
None	No	15 ,,	Jan. 2, 1895	No
None	Yes	Part of the house	Dec. 30, 1885	No
None	No	9 feet	July 14, 1886	No
None	Yes	6½,,	March 31, 1905	Yes Mr. Scheuermann, jun. for pigs
None	Yes	19 ,,	Nov. 29, 1893	No
None	Yes	4½,,	March 28, 1867	No
None	Yes	17 ,,	Jan. 27, 1897	No
None	Yes	30-40 ,,	.....1905	No
None	No	14 ,,	Nov. 9, 1897	Yes Mr. Ambridge
None	Yes	8 ,,	July 3, 1868	No
None	No	3 ,,	March 6, 1879	No
None	Yes	Adjoining	Dec. 24, 1890	Yes Mr. F. Pooles
None	Yes	48 Gladstone-st 18 feet	April 5, 1893	No
None	No	40 ,,	Jan. 24, 1894	Yes Mr. Whiteman—Mr. Wilmer
None	No	25 ,,	April 4, 1888	No
None	Yes	10 ,,	Dec. 30, 1885	No
None	Yes	28 ,,	March 21, 1864	No
None	Yes	10 ,,	March 28, 1867	No
None	Yes	40-50 ,,	June 27, 1888	No
None	No	25 ,,	June 15, 1887	No

TABLE II.

List of Meat Dealers selling "Home-Killed" Meat  
BUT NOT HOLDING A LICENCE.

NAME AND ADDRESS.	SLAUGHTER-HOUSES USED (if any).
Ambridge .....Queen's Park.....	Russell (No. 18)
Armsden .....Amphill Road ....	Buys dead meat only
Armsden .....Cauldwell Street....	Sharpe (No. 22)
Bavington .....Bromham Road....	Buys dead meat only
Benson .....Cauldwell Street....	Buys dead meat only
Clifton .....Amphill Road ....	Sharpe (Nos. 22 and 23)
Gask .....Park Road.....	Russell (No. 18)
Pooles .....Bromham Road....	Sharpe (No. 21)
Savage .....Park Road.....	Blythe (No. 2)
Scheuermann, Jun. Castle Road ....	Mastin and Sharpe (No. 13)
Shrive .....Queen's Park.....	Buys dead meat only
Taylor .....York Street ....	Buys dead meat only
Whiteman .....St. Cuthbert's ....	Sharpe (No. 23)
Willmer .....St. John's .....	Sharpe (No. 23)

TABLE III.

Particulars of Slaughter-houses.

No. 1.

PIGS ONLY.

Slaughter-House and Address—12, Midland Road.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—Armsden and Ponting.

Address—29, Midland Road and 8, Harpur Street.

Date of first Licence—September 20th, 1893.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—Joint.

Situation of Slaughter-House—In yard at rear of "Shoulder of Mutton."

Streets abutting—Midland Road.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—17ft. 9in.

Description of Premises—Yard about Slaughter-house, blue brick; rest of yard gravel.

Walls—Cement. Roof—Pantiles.

Floor—Blue brick. Area of killing-room 126 square feet.

Height 11 feet to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to gully outside. Tap in yard.

Lighting—Ventilating—21 square feet of lattice in wall.

Provision of water for animals—None. Pig pens in yard.

Arrangements for Cooling—Shop and slaughter-house.

Offal—Manure heap. Blood—Sewer.

Number of men employed—1. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

No. of animals killed per week—2 pigs.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Monday and Wednesday.

## No. 2.

Slaughter-House and Address—92, Tavistock Street.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—H. Blyth.

Address—92, Tavistock Street.

Date of first Licence—January 7th, 1891.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—Savage, Park Road.

Situation of Slaughter-House—In yard at rear of 92, Tavistock Street.

Streets abutting—Approached by wide gateway from ditto.

Distance from nearest Dwelling House—39ft. from own house.

Description of Premises—(Yard, etc., and stables); yard, blue brick and cobble stones.

Material—Brick.

Walls—White glazed brick 4ft. 6in.

Stabling for three horses in yard, but separate from S.H.

Roof—Pantiles.

Floor—Victoria slabs. Area of killing room, 182 feet.

Height 15 feet to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to channel in front of slaughter-house, then to gully outside.

Lighting—6ft. by 2ft. glazed louvred lantern in roof, and 4ft. by 2ft. 6in. window.

Ventilation—Sliding doors 8ft. wide, and open brick work near ridge.

Number of pens—Cattle, 1 fasting, 9ft. by 3ft. Sheep, 1 larger, 8ft. by 9ft. Pigs 2, 11ft. by 9ft.

Provision of water for animals—Sheep and lambs had large pails of water at time of visits.

Appliances—Windlass.

Arrangements for cooling—In slaughter-house.

Offal taken to Turvey. Blood taken to Turvey.

Number of men employed—1. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

Number of animals killed per week—Irregular, 1 beast, 6 sheep, 1 pig.

Days and hours of slaughtering—According to requirements.

## No. 3.

Slaughter-House and Address—9, Gwyn Street.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—Mrs. Brooks.

Address—St. Mary's Street.

Date of first Licence—May 13th, 1869.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—At back of 9, Gwyn Street.

Streets abutting—Entered by gates from Gwyn Street.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—16ft. from own house.

Description of Premises—(Yard, etc., and Stables), yard, blue brick and cobble stones.

Material—Brick. Walls—6ft. cement. Roof—Pantiles.

Floor—Blue Brick. Area of killing-room 249 square feet.

Height, 11 feet to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to gully inside. Tap in slaughter-house.

Lighting—3 lattice frames in wall and five 9in. by 6in. air bricks.



Ventilation—4ft. by 3ft., 4ft. by 3ft., 3ft. by 3ft.

Number of pens—Cattle (2) 2ft. 9in. by 8ft. Sheep (1) 3ft. by 13ft.

Provision of water for animals—None.

Appliances—Windlass.

Arrangements for cooling—In shop and slaughter-house.

Offal—Clapham Road Allotments. Blood—Sewer.

Number of men employed—1. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

Number of animals killed per week—2 beasts, 5 or 6 sheep, 2 or 4 pigs.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Monday and Thursday, according to season.

#### No. 4.

Slaughter-House and Address—18, Harpur Street.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—E. Canvin.

Address—18, Harpur Street.

Date of first Licence—March 30, 1869.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Rear of 18, Harpur Street.

Street abutting—Entrance to slaughter-house from Paradine Court off Harpur Street.

Distance of nearest dwelling-house—15 feet.

Description of Premises—(Yard, etc., and stables), yard of house paved blue brick.

Material—Brick. Walls—Cement and white glazed brick 5ft. 6in.

Roof—Slate. Floor—Blue brick.

Area of killing room 242 square feet. Height, 10ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to gully in floor.

Lighting—Glazed louvred lantern in roof, 7ft. by 5ft.

Ventilation—Open front towards shop.

Provision of water for animals—None.

Number of pens—Fasting pen, 7ft. 6in. by 3ft. 3in. by 8ft. high.

Sheep (1), 6ft. 6in. by 7ft. 6in. Pigs, 6ft. by 7ft. 6in.

Appliances—Windlass.

Arrangements for cooling—In slaughter-house.

Offal and blood—Land at Turvey.

Number of men employed—2. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

Number of animals killed per week, and days and hours of slaughtering—  
All information refused.

#### No. 5.

Slaughter-House and Address—37, Bromham Road.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—Cole and Co.

Address—37, Bromham Road.

Date of first Licence—July 24, 1889.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—In yard at rear of 37, Bromham Road, with right-of-way into Trevor Street.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—No. 1, Union Street adjoins.



Description of Premises (Yard, etc.)—Large yard paved, partly in blue brick, rest gravel.

Walls—6ft. cement. Roof—Pantiles. Floor—Red bricks.

Area of killing-room 95 square feet. Height 8ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to gully outside. Tap in yard.

Lighting—6 glass pantiles in roof. Glass and louvred opening in wall 3ft. 9in. by 4ft. 6in.

Number of pens—Sheep, 1 pen, 7ft. 6in. by 7ft.

Provision of water for animals—None.

Arrangements for cooling—In shop and slaughter-house.

Offal—to Turvey. Blood—Sewer.

Number of men employed—1. Whether special man for killing?—Yes.

Number of animals killed per week—8 or 9 sheep.

Days and hours of slaughtering—any time.

#### No. 6.

Slaughter-House and Address—2, St. Loyes.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—Mrs. C. Davis.

Address—2, St. Loyes. Date of first Licence—March 24th, 1864.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Streets abutting Harpur Street.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—Own house separated by 9in. wall.

Description of Premises—(Yard, etc., stables.) Yard paved York slabs.

Stabling for one horse. Stables of wood.

Material—Brick. Walls—Cement, 6ft. Roof—Slate.

Floor—York and red brick. Area of killing room, 168 square feet.  
Height, 11 ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing—to gully in floor. Tap in slaughter-house.

Lighting and ventilating—2 openings in roof about 3ft. 6in. square.  
acting both for light and ventilation.

Provision of water for animals—None.

No. of Pens—Cattle (1) 6ft. 6in. by 11ft. 6in. high. Loft over pen.

Appliances—Windlass.

Arrangements for cooling—In shop and slaughter-house.

Offal sent to land at Turvey. Blood collected for pudding making.

No. of men employed—2. Whether special men employed for killing—  
son of owner does killing.

No. of animals killed per week—1 beast, 6 sheep, 1 pig.

Days and hours of slaughtering—When required.

Gut room adjoining slaughter-house.

Door to slaughter-house and pen open directly on to footpath in  
Harpur Street.

A narrow door also opens from slaughter-house into shop.

#### No. 7.

Slaughter House and Address—1, Park Road W.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—F. Day.

Address—Park Road W.

Date of first Licence—January 25th, 1886.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Rear of 1, Park Road W.

Streets abutting—Entrance to slaughter-house from Park Road and Garfield Street.

Distance of nearest dwelling-house—4ft. from own house, and adjoining No. 8, Garfield Street.

Description of Premises—Yard, etc., and stables for 2 horses. Yard paved with blue brick.

Material—brick. Walls—6ft. cement. Roof—Slate.

Floor—Concrete.

Area of killing room, 230 square feet.

Height „ 12ft. to eaves and 7ft. 8in. where loft is over slaughter-house.

Draining and flushing to gully in floor. Tap in slaughter-house.

Lighting—open door, 8ft. by 7ft. Ventilation, ditto.

Provision of water for animals—None.

No. of Pens—Cattle (2) 8ft. by 3ft. by 9ft. high.

Appliances—Windlass.

Arrangements for cooling, in shop and house.

Offal and blood taken to Turvey.

No. of men employed 2. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

No. of animals killed per week—2 beasts, 8 sheep, 2 pigs.

Days and hours of slaughtering—generally Monday and Wednesday.

A w.c. is situated within 4 feet of the slaughter-house.

No. 8.

#### PIGS ONLY.

Slaughter House and Address—58, Midland Road.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—H. C. Dunham.

Address—58, Midland Road.

Date of first Licence—September 22nd, 1886.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Rear of 53, Midland Road and approached by narrow passage from the Midland Road.

Distance of nearest dwelling-house—4ft. 6in. from own house.

Description of Premises—(yard, etc.) Yard all paved in blue brick.

Material—brick. Walls of pens cemented to top.

Roof—iron corrugated.

Floor—blue brick. Area of killing room, 180 square feet.

Height, 8ft. 6in. to eaves under iron roof.

Drainage and flushing—to gully. Tap in yard.

Lighting and ventilation—Open shed; 16ft. 9in. only is under cover.

No. of Pens—1 sticking pen. 4ft. 6in. by 3ft. 9in.

3...	{	..... 4ft. 3in. by 6ft. 6in.	{ covered by corrugated iron.
		..... 4ft. 3in. by 8ft. 0in.	
		..... 4ft. 3in. by 8ft. 0in.	

Arrangements for cooling—In slaughter-house. Blood—sewer.

No. of men employed—1. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

No. of animals killed per week—4 or 5.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or as required.

## No. 9.

## PIGS ONLY.

Slaughter-House and Address—Eastmans, Ltd., 25, St. Mary's.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—Eastmans, Ltd.

Address—High Street.

Date of first Licence—December 30th, 1888.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Situating amongst business premises on large space at angle of St. Mary's and Cauldwell Streets.

Distance of nearest dwelling-house—about 80 feet.

Description of premises—(yard, etc., and stables), gravel and brick paving.

Materials—Brick. Walls—Cement for 6ft.

Roof—Pantile, with glass pantiles. Floor—Blue brick.

Area of killing-room—238 square feet. Height—14ft. to eaves.

Lighting—window, 3ft. by 1ft. 6in. and 3 lots of 8 pantiles.

Ventilation—space for all length of wall, 2ft. deep open brick-work.

Provision of water for animals—None.

No. of Pens—Cattle (2), 11ft. by 3ft. Sheep, 16ft. by 3ft.

Appliances—Windlass.

Arrangement for cooling—Slaughter-house.

Offal—to Ponting. Blood—Sewer.

No. of men employed—2. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

No. of animals killed per week—7 or 8 summer; 18 to 20 winter.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Monday as a rule, 8 to 9 a.m.

Stable for 2 horses under same roof, but entirely cut off from slaughter-house.

## No. 10.

Slaughter-House and Address—Hurst Grove.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—Joseph Evans.

Address—28, Ford End Road.

Date of first Licence—January 2nd, 1895.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Hurst Grove.

Streets abutting—Hurst Grove S.

Distance of nearest dwelling-house—15ft.

Description of Premises—(yard, etc.) Large yard paved in blue brick, about 1,320 square feet.

Material—Brick. Walls—Cement 6ft.

Roof—Tiles and slate. Floor—Victoria slabs.

Area—207 square feet. Height—13ft. to eaves.

Draining and flushing—Floor drains to channel and then to gully outside.

Lighting—1 window casement, 2ft. 6in. by 3ft. 9in., 2 louvred in wall about 4ft. by 2ft. 6in.

Ventilation—lantern louvre in roof about 6ft. 3in. and a portion of wall is open brickwork.

Provision of water for animals—Trough for pigs.

No. of Pens—Cattle (2). 3 others used for pigs, sheep, or cattle, 12ft. by 6ft., 8ft. high, originally built for stables.

Appliances—Windlass.



Arrangements for cooling—In slaughter-house.

Offal—To ground at Biddenham. Blood—Sewer.

No. of men employed—1. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

No. of animals killed per week—According to demand, being wholesale.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Various.

No horse kept on premises.

#### No. 11.

Slaughter House and Address—2, Canning Street.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—T. Linger.

Address—2, Canning Street. Date of first License—Dec. 30th, 1885.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—At side of shop and open direct into foot-path of Canning Street.

Distance of nearest dwelling-house—practically part of dwelling-house, without even a wall between.

Description of Premises (yard, etc., and stables)

Material—Brick. Walls—Brick with tar for 2ft. up.

Roof—Slate. Floor—Red brick.

Area of killing room 103 square feet. Height, 8ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing by gully in floor. Tap in slaughter-house.

Lighting—2ft. 6in. by 1ft. 6in. skylight.

Ventilation—By skylight and perforated zinc over door 4ft. by 1ft.

Number of pens—Sheep, 1 pen in yard at rear of house 7ft. 6in. by 5ft. 7in. Really this is a washhouse put to this purpose.

Provision of water for animals—None.

Arrangements for cooling—In shop or slaughter-house.

Offal—Allotments. Blood—Sewer.

Number of men employed—Owner.

Number of animals killed per week—As required, owner does killing.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Any time. The width is only 4ft. 10in.

The room was really only a passage to the back door which has been roofed in.

#### No. 12.

Slaughter-House and Address—Cauldwell Place.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—Mastin and Sharpe.

Address—Cauldwell Street.

Date of first Licence—July 14, 1886.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Cauldwell Place.

Streets abutting—Cauldwell Place.

Distance of nearest dwelling-house—9 feet.

Description of Premises (yard, etc., and stables)—gravel and brick, 19ft. by 46ft.

Material—Brick. Walls—Cement for 6ft.

Roof—Pantile above killing-room.

Floor—Blue brick. Area—17ft. 1in. by 13ft. 10in.  
 Height 14ft. to eaves.  
 Drainage and flushing to gully in floor, then to gully outside.  
 Lighting—Louvre and door.  
 Ventilation—2ft. 6in. by 3ft. 6in.—Louvre into Cauldwell Place.  
 Number of pens—Cattle number (2) 8ft. 4in by 2ft. 9in.; sheep (2) 8ft. 4in.  
 by 2ft. 9in.; 8 or 9 sheep to pen.  
 Provision of water for animals—None.  
 Appliances—Beef tree and windlass.  
 Arrangement for cooling—Shop for sheep and pigs, slaughter-house for  
 beef.  
 Offal and blood taken to Biddenham.  
 No. of men employed—1 man, 1 boy. Whether special men for killing?—  
 Yes.  
 No. of animals killed per week—2 beasts, 6 sheep, 2 pigs.  
 Days and hours of slaughtering—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
 according to weather.  
 Stabling for two horses under same roof as slaughter-house.  
 Right-of-way to cottage directly in front of slaughter-house door.

## No. 13.

Slaughter-House and Address—165, Castle Road.  
 Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—Mastin and Sharpe.  
 Date of first Licence—March 31, 1905.  
 Other persons using Slaughter-House—F. Scheuermann, Castle Road, for  
 pigs.  
 Situation of Slaughter-House—At rear of 165, Castle Road, and approached  
 from Denmark Street by double gates.  
 Distance of nearest Dwelling-house—6ft. 6in. from No. 60, Denmark  
 Street.  
 Description of Premises (yard, etc.)—Yard paved with blue brick and gravel,  
 and common to both slaughter-house and house.  
 Material—Brick. Walls—Cement 6ft. Roof—Slate.  
 Floor—Blue scored brick. Area—150 square feet.  
 Height 16ft. to eaves.  
 Drainage and flushing to gully outside. Tap in yard.  
 Lighting—2ft. by 3ft. window.  
 Ventilation—2 air bricks 9in. by 9in.  
 No. of pens—1 for all purposes, 10ft. 9in. by 4ft. 4in. by 8ft. to  
 eaves.  
 Arrangements for cooling—In slaughter-house.  
 Offal and blood—Farm at Biddenham.  
 No. of men employed—1. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.  
 No. of animals killed per week—Mastin and Sharpe, 2 sheep; Scheuermann,  
 4 pigs.  
 Days and hours of slaughtering—Any day.  
 NOTE.—5ft. of the length of this slaughter-house is under a loft. This  
 slaughter-house was converted from stabling for present purpose.  
 Door of house w.c. faces slaughter-house door, and is only 10ft.  
 distance.

## No. 14.

Slaughter-House and Address—69, Bower Street.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—J. F. Monk.

Date of first Licence—Nov. 29, 1893.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—In yard at rear of 69, Bower Street, and approached by gates in Castle Road.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—18ft. 8in.

Description of Premises (yard, etc.)—Yard paved blue brick.

Material—Brick.

Walls—Cement 3ft. 9in., tiles 2ft. 9in. by 6ft. 6in.

Roof—Slate and tiles. Floor—York slabs.

Area—165 square feet. Height—14ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to gully outside. Tap in slaughter-house.

Lighting—2 windows, 3ft. by 5ft., and 2ft. 9in. by 2ft. 3in.

Ventilation—2ft. 9in. by 2ft. 3in., hit and miss ventilator.

No. of pens—Cattle (1), 9ft. 3in. by 3ft. 4in.; Sheep (1), 9ft. 3in. by 3ft.

Appliances—Winch.

Arrangements for cooling—Shop and slaughter-house.

Offal—On to land. Blood—Sewer.

No. of men employed—2. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

No. of animals killed per week—2 beasts, 6 sheep, 2 pigs.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Monday and Wednesday.

One side of slaughter-house is open into a hay loft.

## No. 15.

Slaughter-House and Address—23, Harpur Street.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—Octavius Richardson.

Date of first Licence—March 28, 1867.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Rear of 23, Harpur Street.

Streets abutting—Harpur Street, 4ft. passage from street to the slaughter-house.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—Slaughter-house is in house yard, and only 4ft. 6in. distance.

Description of Premises (yard, etc.)—yard paved in blue and red brick.

Material—Brick. Walls—5ft. cement.

Roof—Tiles. Floor—Blue brick.

Area—125 square feet. Height, 7ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to gully in yard. Tap in yard.

Lighting—Open shed only; no front to same.

No. of pens—None. Provision of water for animals—None.

Arrangements for cooling—Sometimes in shop and sometimes in slaughter-house.

Offal—Taken on to land. Blood—Sewer.

No. of men employed—2. Whether special men for killing?—Owner and brother do it.

No. of animals killed per week—Varies.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Any time.



## No. 16.

## PIGS ONLY.

Slaughter-House and Address—Rear of 22, Harpur Street.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—W. A. Rose.

Date of first Licence—January 27th, 1897.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Rear of 22, Harpur Street.

Streets abutting—Harpur Street entered by 8ft. away.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—17ft. to own house.

Description of Premises (yard, etc., and stables)—Yard, blue brick, stall for one horse, 17ft. 6in. from slaughter-house.

Material—Brick. Walls—Cement for 5ft. high.

Roof—Pantiles. Floor—Blue brick.

Area—97 square feet. Height—10ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to gully outside. Tap in slaughter-house.

Lighting—Window in wall 4ft. 6in. by 3ft. and glass pantiles in roof.

Ventilation—Louvred vent in roof about 2ft. by 3ft.

No. of pens—Sheep (2), 6ft. by 4ft. 6in. under same roof as slaughter-house, pigs (2), 6ft. by 3ft. 6in. in yard.

Arrangements for cooling—Either in shop or slaughter-house.

Blood—Sewer.

No. of men employed—1. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

No. of animals killed per week—4 to 7, according to season.

Days and hours of slaughtering—When required.

## No. 17.

Slaughter-House and Address—105, Tavistock Street.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—W. A. Rose.

Address—105, Tavistock Street.

Date of first Licence—1905.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Rear of 105, Tavistock Street.

Streets abutting—approached by double gates opening into Tavistock Street.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—30 or 40 feet from house in Canning Street.

Description of Premises (yard, etc., and stables)—Large yard paved with red and blue brick. Stabling for two horses under same roof as slaughter-house.

Material—Brick. Roof—Pantiles.

Walls—Cement 5ft. brown and white glazed bricks.

Floor—Victoria slab. Area—181 square feet.

Height, 20ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to gully outside. Tap in slaughter-house.

Lighting—Window 3ft. by 4ft.

Ventilation—By open doors, one on each side of slaughter-house.

No. of pens—Cattle 1 fasting pen, 3ft. by 8ft.

(3) 10ft. 6in. by 6ft. 6in.	}	for pigs.
9ft. by 4ft.		
9ft. by 4ft.		

Arrangements for cooling—In shop or slaughter-house. Blood to land.  
 No. of men employed—1. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.  
 No. of animals killed per week—5 or 9, according to season.  
 Days and hours of slaughtering—Any time.  
 Occasionally beef is dressed here, but not often.

## No. 18.

Slaughter-House and Address—Cromwell Road (rear of 57, Ford End Road).  
 Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—L. W. Russell.  
 Address—64, Iddesleigh Road.  
 Date of first Licence—Nov. 9, 1897.  
 Other persons using Slaughter-House—H. Ambridge, 46, Iddesleigh Road.  
 Situation of Slaughter-House—In yard 10ft. wide off Cromwell Road.  
 Streets abutting—Cromwell Road.  
 Distance of nearest Dwelling House—14 feet.  
 Description of Premises (yard, etc.)—Yard, part paved with blue brick, and part gravelled.  
 Material—Brick. Walls—Cement for 5 feet.  
 Roof—Slate. Floor—Blue brick. Area—186 square feet.  
 Height—9ft. by 16ft., as half of the slaughter-house has a loft over it.  
 Drainage and flushing to channel, and then to gully outside.  
 Lighting—4ft. 6in. by 3ft. 3½in. window. Window 4ft. by 3ft. on loft floor, which gives some light to slaughter-house.  
 Ventilation—Louvre in wall—2ft. 3in by 1ft., rough opening in wall into hay loft, a pair of large doors about 8ft. wide open into yard and then are cut about 9in. short at top for extra ventilation. Gut room, 16ft. 6in. by 12ft. by 8ft. high, loft over, windows 7ft. 6in. by 4ft., and another 2ft. by 3ft. Floor, blue brick, drains to a channel, and then to a gully outside.  
 No. of pens—Cattle, 1 fasting pen, 12ft. by 3ft.  
 Sheep, 2 pens for various, 5ft. 8in. by 12ft., 9ft. 6in. by 9ft.  
 Pigs, 1 sticking pen in slaughter-house, 5ft. by 3ft.  
 Provision of water for animals—Trough for pigs.  
 Appliances—Blocks and ropes.  
 Arrangements for cooling—None, except slaughter-house.  
 Offal—taken to allotments after each killing. Blood—sewer.  
 No. of men employed—2. Whether special men for killing?—Done by Russell and Ambridge's sons.  
 No. of animals killed per week—2 beasts, 10 sheep, 5 pigs.  
 Days and hours of slaughtering—No fixed day, done when wanted.

## No. 19.

## PIGS ONLY.

Slaughter-House and Address—13, Tavistock Street.  
 Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—A. Scheuermann.  
 Address—13, Tavistock Street.  
 Date of first Licence—July 3rd, 1868.  
 Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—At rear of 13, Tavistock Street.

Streets abutting—Slaughter-house approached by 9ft. 6in. way off Foster Hill Road.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—8ft. (own house).

Description of Premises (Yard, etc.)—

Material—Brick.

Walls—Cement, 5ft. 6in.

Roof—Tiles.

Floor—Cement. Area, 86 square feet.

Height, 7ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to channel on to gully outside.

Lighting—Skylight (opens), 2ft. 3in. by 3ft. 6in.

Ventilation—Lattice opening in wall, 2ft. by 2ft. 6in.

Number of Pens—One in slaughter-house for 2 or 3 pigs (4ft. by 6ft.)

Arrangements for cooling—In shop or slaughter-house. Blood—Sewer.

No. of men employed—None.

Whether special men for killing?—Killing by owner.

Number of animals killed per week—3 to 6, according to season.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Various.

No. 20.

Slaughter-House and Address—Allhallows Lane.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—Sell and Willshaw.

Address—High Street.

Date of first Licence—March 6th, 1879.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—In yard off Allhallows Lane.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—About 3ft. from No. 1, Allhallows Lane.

Description of Premises—(Yard, etc., and stables).

Material—Brick.

Walls—Cement for 6ft.

Roof—Pantiles. Stabling for 2 horses adjoining the slaughter-house buildings.

Floor—Blue brick. Area, 240ft.

Height, 12ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to gully outside. Tap in yard.

Lighting—11 glass pantiles in roof. 2ft. square opening in wall.

Ventilation—Circular opening, near ridge, 2ft. 6in. 3 lattice openings, 4ft. by 2ft. 6in., into covered way, 4 square feet of open brickwork in wall.

Number of Pens—One fasting pen, 2ft. 9in. by 10ft. and 8ft. high.

Cattle—One larger pen. 14ft. by 10ft.

Sheep—One, 8ft. by 7ft.

One, 7ft. by 7ft.

Appliances—Windlass.

Arrangements for cooling—Sheep cooled in covered way, beasts in slaughter-house.

Offal—To fields. Blood—Sewer.

Number of men employed—2.

Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

Number of animals killed per week—4 beasts, 20 to 30 sheep, 1 pig.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Every day.



## No. 21.

Slaughter-House and Address—Rear of 39, Stanley Street.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—G. Sharpe.

Address—39, Stanley Street.

Date of first Licence—Dec. 24, 1890.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—F. Pooles.

Name and Address—Bromham Road.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Rear of 39, Stanley Street.

Streets abutting—Entrance by gates, 8ft. wide, from Gladstone Street

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—No. 48, Gladstone Street abuts on to slaughter-house.

Description of Premises (yard, etc., and stables)—large yard, paved red and blue brick.

Stabling for 2 horses in building adjoining slaughter-house.

Material—Brick. Walls—Cement, 4ft. 9in.

Roof—Pantiles. Floor—Cement.

Area—162 square feet. Height, 14ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to gully in floor, which discharges into a gully in yard. Tap in yard.

Lighting—Practically none, except what is got by a lattice over door, about 5ft. by 2ft.

Ventilation—Bad, a few openings in brick work, a lattice over door, and a door into hay loft, 4ft. 6in. by 3ft.

No. of pens—Cattle (2), 7ft. by 3ft. 3in.	{ 7ft. 6in. high Trough for pigs provided.
Sheep } (1) 6ft. 6in. by 10ft. 2in.	
Pigs }	

Appliances—Ropes and blocks.

Arrangements for cooling—In shop and slaughter-house.

Offal—Taken to land. Blood—Sewer.

No. of men employed—1. Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

No. of animals killed per week—Varying according to requirements.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Vary.

## No. 22.

Slaughter-House and Address—22, Tavistock Street.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—George Sharpe.

Address—22, Tavistock Street.

Date of first Licence—April 5th, 1893.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Between Balsall Street E. and Tavistock Street. Cattle, etc., are driven down Balsall Street to the pens of the slaughter-house.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—18ft. (houses in Balsall Street).

Description of Premises—(Yard, etc.) Yard, part with red brick, and rest is of gravel. Manure pit in yard, 7ft. square.

Material—Brick.

Walls—Cement, 6ft.

Roof—Slate.

Floor—Concrete. Area, 120 square feet.

Height—12ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to channel in floor to the gully outside. Tap in slaughter-house.

Lighting—2 windows, 4ft. 6in. by 2ft. 6in.

Ventilation—Open window. Upper portions of doors (5ft. wide) are closed by wire netting only.

Provision of water for animals—None.

Number of Pens—Cattle, 1 fasting pen, 3ft. 6in. by 10ft. 3in.

Sheep—One, 15ft. 3in by 8ft., by 8ft. high.

Pigs—One, 7ft. 3in. by 8ft. 9in., by 8ft. high.

Appliances—Rope and pulleys.

Arrangements for cooling—In shop or slaughter-house.

Offal—Tin for offal, taken to fields.

Blood—Sewer.

Number of men employed—4.

Whether special men for killing?—All 4 men do killing.

Number of animals killed per week—Vary, 8 beasts, 20 sheep, 10 pigs.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Any time.

### No. 23.

Slaughter-House and Address—Boswell Place.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—Geo. Sharpe.

Address—22, Tavistock Street.

Date of first Licence—January 24th, 1894.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—T. Whiteman, St. Cuthbert's.

Name and Address—T. Willmer, St. John's Street.

Situation of Slaughter-House—In large yard off Boswell Place and at rear of Tavistock Street.

Distance of nearest dwelling house—About 40ft.

Description of Premises—(Yard, etc., and stable). Small portion of yard paved blue brick, rest gravel. Stabling for 4 horses in stables adjoining the slaughter-house.

Material—Brick.

Walls—Cement and Tar, 6ft.

Roof—Slate.

Floor—Blue brick. Area, 170 square feet.

Height, 13ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing to gully outside. Tap in slaughter-house.

Lighting—Opening in wall, which can be closed by shutter, 3ft. 6in. square.

Ventilation—Lattice over door, 6ft. by 4ft.

Provision of water for animals—None.

Number of Pens—Cattle, 1 fasting pen, 33ft. by 8ft.

Sheep—One large pen, 9ft. by 8ft. by 8ft. high.

Appliances—Windlass.

Arrangements for cooling—In slaughter-house.

Offal—On to land.

Blood—Sewer.

Number of men employed—6.

Whether special men for killing?—Yes; includes Whiteman's and Willmer's men.

Number of animals killed per week—4 beasts, 8 sheep, — pigs.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Any time.

No. 24.  
PIGS ONLY.

Slaughter-House and Address—Bedesman's Place.  
 Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—J. J. Stanton.  
 Address—10, St. John's Street.  
 Date of first Licence—April 4th, 1888.  
 Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.  
 Situation of Slaughter-House—In Bedesman's Place, with entrance from same.  
 Distance of nearest Dwelling House—25ft.  
 Description of Premises—(Yard, etc., and stables).  
 Material—Brick.  
 Walls—6ft. Cement.  
 Roof—Pantiles.  
 Floor—Blue brick. Area, 153 square feet.  
 Height, 8ft. 6in. to eaves.  
 Drainage and flushing—2 windows (sliding), 3ft. 6in. by 3ft.  
 Provision of water—Trough.  
 Number of Pens—Pigs (2), 3ft. by 8ft.  
 Arrangements for cooling—In slaughter-house.  
 Number of men employed—None.  
 Whether special men for killing—Owner kills.  
 Number of animals killed per week—According to demand.  
 Days and hours of slaughtering—Any day.

No. 25.  
PIGS ONLY.

Slaughter-House and Address—48, Gwyn Street.  
 Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—H. Stuart.  
 Address—48, Gwyn Street.  
 Date of first Licence—December 30th, 1885.  
 Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.  
 Situation of Slaughter-House—At rear of 48, Gwyn Street. Entrance from Greenhill Street.  
 Distance of nearest Dwelling House—10ft. to own house.  
 Description of Premises (Yard, etc.)—Paved blue brick and cobble stones.  
 Material—Brick.  
 Walls—Cement, 5ft.  
 Roof—Slate.  
 Floor—Red brick. Area, 95 square feet. Height, 8ft. Loft over slaughter house.  
 Drainage and flushing—Gully in slaughter-house floor discharging into gully in yard.  
 Lighting and Ventilation—Double doors width of the slaughter-house are open during killing, and contain an opening in each door, 1ft. 6in. square.  
 Provision of water for animals—Trough for pigs.  
 Number of pens—One pig pen, 6ft. square.  
 Arrangements for cooling—In slaughter-house. Blood—Sewer.  
 Whether special men for killing?—Owner does killing.  
 Number of animals killed per week—About 2 per week.  
 Days and hours of slaughtering—Various times.



## No. 26.

Slaughter House and Address—111, High Street.  
 Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—G. Tansley.  
 Address—111, High Street.  
 Date of first Licence—March 21st, 1864.  
 Other persons using Slaughter House—None.  
 Situation of Slaughter-House—Rear of 111, High Street, and off Lurke Street, entrance to slaughter-house off Lurke Street.  
 Distance of nearest Dwelling House—28ft.  
 Description of Premises—(Yard, etc.) Yard paved blue brick, granite blocks, and cobble stones.  
 Material—Brick.  
 Walls—Cement, 6ft. glazed brick.  
 Roof—Tiles.  
 Floor—York slabs. Area, 200 square feet.  
 Height, 15ft. to eaves.  
 Drainage and flushing to gully in floor, then to gully outside. Tap in slaughter-house.  
 Lighting and Ventilation—Open lattice in wall 5ft. square.  
 Provision of water for animals—None.  
 Number of Pens—Cattle (2), 7ft. 6in. by 2ft. 6in. by 8ft. high.  
 Sheep—1 pen, 10ft. by 3ft. 3in. by 8ft. high.  
 Pigs—None killed.  
 Appliances—Windlass.  
 Arrangements for cooling—Slaughter-house.  
 Offal—To land. Blood—Sewer.  
 Number of men employed—2.  
 Whether special men for killing?—Yes.  
 Number of animals killed per week—1 to 2 beasts, 6 to 8 sheep.  
 Days and hours of slaughtering—As required.

## No. 27.

Slaughter-House and Address—66, Midland Road.  
 Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—J. L. Tansley.  
 Address—66, Midland Road.  
 Date of first Licence—March 28th, 1867.  
 Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.  
 Situation of Slaughter-House—At rear of 66, Midland Road.  
 Streets abutting—Entrance from Maitland Street by double gates.  
 Distance of nearest Dwelling House—10ft., own house.  
 Description of Premises—(Yard, etc., and Stables). Blue brick. Stabling for 4 horses.  
 Material—Brick.  
 Walls—White glazed brick, 7—8ft. up.  
 Roof—Slate.  
 Floor—Concrete. Area, 222 square feet.  
 Height, 16ft. to eaves.  
 Drainage and flushing, to channel and gulley outside.  
 Lighting and Ventilation—10ft. by 4ft. window in roof and open front.  
 Provision of water for animals—None.  
 Number of Pens—Cattle, 2.

Sheep—One, 10ft. by 2ft. 10in.

Pigs—One, 10ft. by 2ft. 10in.

Appliances—Windlass.

Arrangements for cooling—In slaughter-house.

Offal—To Turvey. Blood—Sewer.

Number of men employed—1.

Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

Number of animals killed per week—2 beasts, 18 to 20 sheep.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Any time.

#### No. 28.

Slaughter-House and Address—20, Silver Street.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—M. A. Thomson and Son.

Address—20, Silver Street.

Date of first Licence—June 27th, 1888.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—At rear of 20, Silver Street, and off the "Old George" Yard, from Silver Street, or High Street.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—40—50 feet.

Description of Premises—(Yard, etc., and Stables). Yard paved with blue brick, stabling for five horses.

Material—Brick.

Walls—Cement, 5ft. white glazed brick.

Roof—Tiles.

Floor—Blue brick. Area, 297 square feet.

Height, 15ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing, to gully in floor. Tap in slaughter-house.

Lighting—2 windows, 3ft. 6in. by 4ft., half hit and miss.

Ventilation—4ft. 5in. louvred opening; four 9in. by 7in. air bricks.

Provision of water for animals—None.

Number of Pens—8ft. 6in. high. Loft over the pens.

Cattle—2, 7ft. 6in. by 2ft. 6in.

Sheep—1, 7ft. 5in. by 6ft. 9in.

Pigs—1, 10ft. 2in by 3ft. 10in.

Appliances—Windlass.

Arrangements for cooling—In slaughter-house.

Offal—To field. Blood—Sewer.

Number of men employed—4.

Whether special men for killing?—All 4.

Number of animals killed per week—Varies.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday sometimes. Gut-room drained by gully in floor, 4ft. by 11ft. 6in.

#### No. 29.

Slaughter-House and Address—Gladstone Street.

Name of Licensee (or Reg. Occupier)—H. Whiteman.

Address—62, Queen Street.

Date of first Licence—June 15th, 1887.

Other persons using Slaughter-House—None.

Situation of Slaughter-House—Entrance to slaughter-house from Gladstone Street, by gravel passage-way 9ft. 6in wide, between No. 34 and 36.

Distance of nearest Dwelling House—25ft.

Description of Premises—(Yard, etc., and Stables). Yard blue brick,  
drains to gully, stabling for 1 horse. Yard 19ft. 6in. by 33ft. 9in.

Material—Brick.

Walls—Cement, 6ft.

Roof—Pantiles.

Floor—Concrete. Area, 172 square feet.

Height, 14ft. to eaves.

Drainage and flushing—Channel to gully outside.

Lighting and Ventilation—Window in roof, 1ft. 6in. by 3ft., door 3ft. 2in.  
by 7ft. 3in. lattice work, portion of wall 2ft. 6in. square, open  
work, 3 air bricks 9in. by 6in.

Provision of water for animals—None.

Number of Pens—7ft. 6in. high. Loft over pens.

Cattle—2, 7ft. 3in. by 3ft. 3in.

Sheep—1, 7ft. 9in. by 3ft. 3in.

Pigs—1, 8ft. 6in. by 6ft. 9in.

Appliances—Ropes and blocks.

Arrangements for cooling—Slaughter-house.

Offal—Land at Turvey. Blood—Sewer.

Number of men employed—1.

Whether special men for killing?—Yes.

Number of animals killed per week—1 beast, 5 sheep.

Days and hours of slaughtering—Mondays and Wednesdays generally.



## OPINION OF TOWN CLERK.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

The provisions of the Town Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, with regard to Slaughter-houses in the Borough, came into operation on the 20th April, 1862.

That Act established 2 classes of Slaughter-houses, viz.:—

(1) Those which existed before the Act was applied to the Borough, and which were to remain Slaughter-houses so long as they were continuously thereafter so used. These houses were required to be registered and not licensed.

(2) Slaughter-houses which became Slaughter-houses after the adoption of that Act. These were required to be licensed.

A license granted under that Act licenses a person to slaughter in the place specified, and the licensee cannot slaughter elsewhere, and nobody but himself and his servants can slaughter there. (Goodwin v. Sale, 71, Justice of the Peace Reports, at page 306.)

On the death of a licensee the licence dies with him. It does not pass to anybody else, and if it was desired to again slaughter animals there a new Licence would have to be obtained (same case.)

These Licences may be suspended or revoked on conviction by Justices for offences against the Act or Bye-laws.

(3) By Section 29 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, a 3rd class of licence was added, viz.: Licences granted after the adoption of that Act, for the use and occupation of places as Slaughter-houses, such licences were to be in force for such time or times only, not being less than 12 months, as the Urban Authority should think fit to specify in such licences. Licences granted in pursuance of the last-mentioned Act are for one year only in the Borough, and end on the 31st December in each year.

There are at the present time in the Borough 29 Slaughter-houses, particulars of which appear in the Report of the Medical Officer of Health. These fall into the 3 classes above mentioned as follows:—

Class (1) viz.: those in existence on the 24th April, 1862.

So far as I can discover from the Register there are none.

Class (2) viz.: those which became Slaughter-houses since 1862 and before 1891.

There are 19, viz.: Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29. Of these 11 only, viz.: Nos. 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29, appear to have been registered on coming into existence as Slaughter-houses. Of the remaining 8, 2, viz.: 15 and 19, did not apply for licences till 1903, and accordingly will fall within Clause 3, as Slaughter-houses in respect of which licences have been granted after the adoption of that Act; and as to the 6, viz.: 3, 4, 6, 20, 26, 27, no licences appear to have been taken out at all. This, apparently, was on the erroneous

assumption that the Act of 1847 did not come into operation in the Borough till after the passing of the Public Health Act, 1875 (which incorporated the provisions of the 1847 Act, with regard to Slaughter-houses), and that therefore such 6 Slaughter-houses came under Class (1) as registered Slaughter-houses.

If the facts be as above stated, it will be observed that these 6 Slaughter-houses will be required to be now licenced, and will also fall into Class (3) for the reasons given with respect to the 2 Slaughter-houses Nos. 15 and 19. I would call attention further to a singular fact connected with the 11 Slaughter-houses licensed before 1891. These have, nevertheless, been renewed annually since 1891, presumably in the belief that Section 29 of the 1890 Act was retrospective in its operation. It is now a little difficult to state precisely what the legal position of these 11 licences may be, but on the whole I incline to the opinion that they have not necessarily given up their rights to be considered as licensed before the 1890 Act, and could not be made to take out annual licences.

Class (3) viz.: those which have come into existence as Slaughter-houses since the adoption of the 1890 Act, and require to be licensed annually.

These are 10, viz.: Nos. 1, 2, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 22, and 23.

For the purpose of consideration in connection with the proposed Public Abattoir, the results may be summarised as follows, viz.:—

1. Licences which do not require renewal and which in each case cannot be dealt with until the death or giving up of business by the Licensee or suspension by Justices	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
2. Slaughter-houses requiring to be licensed annually as being—							
(a) In existence before 1891, but licensed since	...						2
(b) Slaughter-houses in existence before 1891 and in respect of which licences have not yet been applied for	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
(c) Licences in respect of Slaughter-houses which have come into existence since 1891	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
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NOTE.—In this connection the 2nd table in the Report of the Medical Officer of Health must be taken into account. The practice of unlicensed persons slaughtering in licensed Slaughter-houses would from the judgments in the case to which I have before referred, appear to be illegal.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
CHAS. STIMSON,  
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Bedford,  
31st May, 1911.

